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SUBJ: VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT DELCARES INTENTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT TO ERADICATE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH NEWSMEN REPORTED OCTOBER 7 IN LA PAZ MID-DAY PAPER MERIDIANO, VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT, JAIME PAZ ZAMORA, DECLARED THAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS ARE ALIGNED WITH THE POLITICAL RIGHT, ARE AGAINST DEMOCRACY AND SEEK, WITH THEIR ECONOMIC POWER, TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ERADICATE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. NEVERTHELESS, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS TASK WOULD TAKE TIME AND REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFECTED COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES. PAZ ZAMORA SAID THAT UNTIL NOW THE BOLIVIAN POSITION HAD BEEN TO LET THE US DEFINE THE RULES OF THE GAME WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION BOLIVIAN PROPOSALS. HE CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THE US TO FIND WAYS TO ELIMINATE THE MANUFACTURE OF COCAINE.
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